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The Aged Minister's Prayer.

"Cast me not off in the time of old age; forsake me not when my strength falleth. . . . Now also when I am old and grey-haired, O God, forsake me not."—Ps. 71: 9, 18.

Forsake me not when I am old,
The daylight wanes, my work is done,
My feet draw near the streets of gold;
I wait the setting of the sun.

Forsake me not when I am old,
When youthful vigor is no more;
When in the twilight grey and cold,
I sit and wait the summons o'er.

Forsake thee not when thou art old?
Thy father hears thy trustful prayer,
His arms of love shall thee enfold;
His hand thy table shall prepare.

Forsake thee not when thou art old?
We hear the call; the churches wake,
The heart that won us to the fold
Our grateful love shall ne'er forsake.

✧ "To the Law and to the Testimony. If they speak not according to this Word, it is because there is no light in them."—Isaiah liii: 20. ✧